following hotels in the private sectors:—

1. Hotel at Pune.
2. Hotel at Hyderabad.
3. Hotel at Cochin.
4. Hotel at Kolhapur.
5. Beach Resort at Goa.
6. Hotel Ratnada, Jodhpur.

(b) None of the ITDC establishments has been transferred to the private sector.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

Establishment of an Aquarium at Digha, West Bengal

1019. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistance given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September 1986, includes the establishment of an Aquarium at Digha at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.97 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project; and

(c) what steps have been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The inistry of Environment and Forests have approved a scheme for the establishment of a Marine Aquarium-cum-Research Centre at Digha in Midnapore District (West Bengal) by the Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta (ZSI). The objectives of the scheme are to exhibit live marine fauna in the aquarium for educational and recreational purposes and for research on selected marine forms.

Land measuring 2.63 hectares has been provided to the ZSI by the Government of West Bengal on lease. ZSI have constructed a boundary wall. The CPWD have already initiated action for the construction work.

The project is expected to become operational by June, 1990.

Banning of Strikes in Public Sector Units

1020. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned strikes in some public sector units which render essential services;

(b) if so, what are the details of such units;

(c) whether medical services is considered as an esential service and whether the Essential Services Maintenance Act is applicable to Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not declaring the strikes by the doctors and nurses as illegal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In exercise of the powers available under the Essential Service Maintenance Act, 1981, orders have been issued by the Central Government prohibiting strikes in any service under each of the following public sector undertakings since November,, 1986:

(i) Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

(ii) Food Corporation of India.